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DEATH OF THE VENOMVERSE

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DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK STUMBLED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM CALLED A SYMBIOTE DURING ONE OF THE LOWEST POINTS OF HIS LIFE. THE TWO WERE JOINED AND USED THEIR COMBINED LUST FOR VIOLENCE TO MAKE THEIR CITY SAFER AS THE LETHAL PROTECTOR, VENOM. EVENTUALLY, EDDIE WOULD ASCEND TO THE THRONE OF KING IN BLACK, THE KING OF ALL SYMBIOTES IN THE HIVE. BUT THERE IS ONE SYMBIOTE, OUTSIDE OF THE HIVE, THAT HAS PLANS FOR EDDIE BROCK...

DEATH OF THE VENOMVERSE

THE CARNAGE SYMBIOTE HAS FOUND A NEW CALLING: KILL. ALL. VENOMS. BUT ANNE WEYING, AGENT VENOM, ISN'T GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN WITHOUT A FIGHT.

AS CARNAGE CONTINUED TO CONSUME THE POWERS OF OTHER BEINGS, AGENT VENOM COLLECTED VERSIONS OF ANTI-VENOM AND ANTI-CARNAGE FROM THE MULTIVERSE. CARNAGE FLEW A BIT TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN BY CONSUMING ONE OF THEM, CAUSING HIS BODY TO TEAR ITSELF APART!

TEAM VENOM IS WINNING! OR ARE THEY...?

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YEAARRGGH!

HE KILLED ANTI-CARNAGE.

ABSORBED HIM.

IT'S TEARING HIM APART.

LIKE TISSUE REJECTION.

REEAAAARRGH!

CARNAGE'S VICTIMS...

...THE PEOPLE HE CONSUMED...

...ARE RIPPING THEMSELVES FREE!

M-MY FLESH...

...POISONED...

...DISEASED...

...TURNING AGAINST ME!

TH-THEY'RE BACK?

ALL THE PEOPLE HE KILLED.

LIKE MY PAL ELECTRO.

NO. LOOK AT THEM. THEY'RE SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

"THEY'RE PART CARNAGE...

SLLSSH

"...PART ANTI-CARNAGE!"

IS THIS WHAT YOU EXPECTED TO--?

NO. NOT THIS.

NOTHING LIKE THIS.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE.

ANOTHER TEST.

TO PROVE I'M READY.

LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO US.

YOU'VE TURNED US...INTO MONSTERS.

BUT IT'S NOTHING...

...COMPARED TO WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO TO YOU!

THAT'S ME.

ONLY...ALL CARNAGIZED.

ANTI-CARNAGIZED TOO.

THANKS, I HATE IT.

SHRAZZA-THRAKK

HE'S... VULNERABLE AGAIN...

MOM... I THINK I CAN GET THE DIMENSIONAL TRANSPORT CONTROLS WORKING AGAIN.

...TO ELECTRICITY.

FIRE.

SONICS.

MOM...?

"TO ALL OF IT."

SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

DYLAN--GET THE TRANSPORTER FIXED.

AND GET YOURSELF OUT OF HERE.

I CAN GET US ALL OUT.

GET YOURSELF OUT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

DREAMSTONE-- I CALL UPON YOUR POWER.

GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO DESTROY THIS ENEMY.

AND GRANT ME AN HONORABLE DEATH.

BUT FOR OUR FOE--

--A PAINFUL DEATH WILL DO!

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'LL NEED AN EVAC THIS TIME!

WE'VE GOT HIM RIGHT WHERE WE WANT HIM.

COULD YOU FEEL US?

TRAPPED IN YOUR FLESH?

SCREAMING?

SHRA-SLAM!

FELL CREATURE!

I'LL SEND YOU INTO THE ABYSS!

SO SWEARS-- ASGARDIA!

COWARD!

HE FLEES!

HIS FLESH IS AS WATERY AS HIS BOWELS!

H-HEY.

HEY.

I'M ANDI TOO.

I WOULDN'T BOTHER GETTING CHUMMY.

"WHEN HE DIES, SO DO I.

"WORTH IT."

FWOOSH

SPLA-SPLAT

BUG ON A WINDSHIELD!

DON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO GET HIS FOOTING!

HE'S WEAKENED!

BUT HE'S STILL DANGEROUS!

MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU KNOW!

RAAAGGGGH!

BI AM BI AM BLAM

YOU ARE WITHOUT HONOR!

YOU BETRAY YOURSELF!

SLLLSH

I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO HEAL YOU.

THAT WAS A MISTAKE.

YEAAARRGH!

I SHOULD HAVE PUT YOU DOWN FROM THE START!

GET AWAY FROM ME!

DEATH COMES FOR US ALL, CARNAGE!

YOU'VE AVOIDED IT FOR LONG ENOUGH!

IT PLEASES ME TO BRING YOU YOUR FINAL MOMENTS!

SLASH

I... I F-FAILED.

VALKYRIE.

I PRAY I AM W-WORTHY OF VALHALLA.

I... I'M NOT A VALKYRIE.

I'M SORRY.

I WISH I WERE.

MY FLESH...

...MY POWERS...

...HAVE NOT BETRAYED ME!

SUBCONSCIOUSLY...

...I ONLY WANTED...

...TO TEST MYSELF!

SHH-LOP

SLLLTH

GRK

SLLTHR

NO ONE... NOTHING... CAN STOP ME!

NNN--

NOT YOU.

NOT MY EVERY WEAKNESS... MY EVERY POWER... THROWN BACK AT ME!

H-HEY!

DO NOT FEAR, EDDIE BROCK-- SPIDER-MAN.

SLLTHHR

ALMOST!

WAIT--

WHAT?

WHAT IS THIS?

I AM THE DREAMSTONE.

AND I AM NOT FINISHED WITH THIS FIGHT.

YOU HAD YOUR SHOT, CARNAGE.

YOU GOT CLOSE.

BUT YOU BLEW IT.

AND WE THINK YOU KNOW THAT.

WE... ARE VENOM!

HM?

INTERESTING.

BUT... NO.

YOU ARE NOT THE EDDIE BROCK I WANT.

GONNA RIP YOU TO CHUNKS!

CHEW YOU UP!

SWALLOW THE PIECES DOWN!

I DON'T THINK SO.

NOT ON YOUR **BEST** DAY.

NOT ON MY **WORST.**

YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

YOU AIN'T GETTING OUR BEST!

THIS **IS** OUR **WORST!**

YOU'RE JUST A **PALE** IMITATION.

WE BOTH ARE.

FOR THE MOMENT.

BUT I'LL FIX THAT.

YYEEEAAARRRR

SHRAKKA-DOOM

SHH-FWOOSH

DAMN! THAT'S IT! OUR WINDOW'S CLOSING!

THERE'S STILL A CHANCE!

I CAN END THIS!

I CAN CURE HIM--BURN HIS CELLS DOWN TO **NOTHING!**

MMRRGPH!

FEEARGH!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND YET?
DO YOU REALIZE?
CAN YOU SEE...WHAT I'VE BECOME?
THE ANTIBODIES.
HE USED THEM.
HOW DO WE STOP THAT THING?
HE JUST...
I...DIDN'T EVEN PHASE HIM!
WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE!

HIT HIM HARD!

STOMP HIM INTO MUD!

YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET AWAY WITH WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

WHAT I'VE DONE?

I'VE GOT YOU!

TH-THANKS!

SO MUCH FOR **NOT** NEEDING AN EVAC!

THRA-THRAK

IF YOU HAD HALF A BRAIN...

REEEEEEEEEEEE!

...YOU'D BE MUCH MORE WORRIED...

...MUCH MORE AFRAID...

...OF WHAT I'M **GOING** TO DO!

TOO BAD.

YOU WOULD HAVE MADE FINE WITNESSES.

NNNN--

FINE EVANGELISTS.

I'VE GOT IT!

I'M SORRY, MOM!

I KNOW WHAT YOU SAID...

"...BUT WE'RE ALL GETTING OUT OF HERE!"

VSSSSSSSSSSHH

VSSSSSSS

VV-VSSSH-VSSSH-VSSSSSSSSSSH

TOO BAD.

THERE'S ONLY ONE.

STEP.

LEFT.

"ONE STEP... BEFORE MY ULTIMATE ASCENSION."

OH.

I SEE.

YOU ARE NOT HERE FOR ME, THE SILVER SURFER.

GO, THEN... AND--

AGGGH!

SHNGK

SORRY, LITTLE LIGHT.

NO WARRIORS FOR YOU.

BUT DON'T FRET.

I'LL DO... WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO DO.

STAND WITH ME!

WE CAN TURN THE TIDE!

WE ARE WITH YOU, THUNDER GOD.

WE CAN TURN THIS FOE BACK!

TOGETHER-- WE CAN CAST KNULL FROM OUR WORLD!

A NOBLE SENTIMENT...

...BUT I AM GOING TO KILL YOUR WORLD.

THE DRAGONS!

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!

WE CAN'T HOLD THEM OFF FOREVER!

I'M GIVING YOUR HAMMER A BOOST!

YOU'LL HAVE ONE CHANCE!

ONE CHANCE TO STOP HIM!

IN THE MEANTIME, I AM LOOKING FOR A HUMAN NAMED BROCK.

SO BRING HIM TO ME, AND THIS CAN BE--

SORRY, O KING.

I'M AFRAID **EDDIE** CAN'T SEE YOU RIGHT NOW.

AND YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE HIM ANYWAY, NOT IN HIS **MISERABLE STATE.**

ME, THOUGH--

--I THINK YOU'RE GONNA GET A **REAL** KICK OUTTA ME!

TO BE CONCLUDED!

HEMPSTEAD HALL, ON THE CAMPUS OF EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY...

REALLY, ROGER, IF YOU'RE GOING TO SLEEP, AT LEAST TRY NOT TO *SNORE!*

CAN'T HELP IT, MARGE. I'M A *WILLIE NELSON* KINDA GUY. THIS *HIGHBROW* STUFF BORES ME TO--

TEARS? NO...

DEATH!

SHOW'S OVER, FANCY-PANTS!

GET THE *POINTS?*

FINAL ESCAPE PART 3

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AN' YOU HORN TOOTERS SHOULD GET SOME ELECTRIC GUITARS!

LOUD ONES!

SHREDDIN' A LITTLE METAL WOULD BE A LOT MORE APPROPRIATE--

--FOR A MASS FUNERAL!

MAKE THAT A *SINGLE* FUNERAL, CARNAGE!

YOURS!

TINKEL-A-KWUNCH

YOUR SYMBIOTE MADE ME, VENOM! I'M THE MODERN YOU!

BUT YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND!

THE FUTURE IS *CHAOS*, AWARENESS THAT YOU CAN DO *ANYTHING* YOU WANT--JUST LIKE ME!

EMBRACE IT, AND YOU TOO CAN BECOME--

--A GOD!

NOOOOO!

WHILE AT A NEARBY LABORATORY...

SCREAMS... DESTRUCTION...

...THE VERY THINGS I CREATED MY *TIMELINE FOLDER* TO ESCAPE!

I SOUGHT TO LIVE WHAT'S LEFT OF MY LIFE *IN THE PAST*, AWAY FROM THE *MADNESS* AND *BRUTALITY* OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.

AND THAT *BLOOD-RED MONSTER* HAS SHOWN ME--

--IT'S TIME TO DO WHAT I *HAVE* TO DO!

TOO MANY INNOCENT CIVILIANS! WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO IMMOBILIZE CARNAGE, STOP THE SLAUGHTER!

YES! THAT COULD WORK! THE *SOUND* SYSTEM!

THE RIGHT SONIC FREQUENCIES CAN DAMAGE *HIM* LIKE THEY CAN *US!*

AH-AH-AH, "DAD"! I FELL FOR THAT ONCE!*

BUT IT CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN--

*IN *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #963.*

--IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO WORRY ABOUT!

SHPLYP

YANK

CHANDELIER MUST WEIGH A TON!

PANICKING AUDIENCE WILL BE CRUSHED UNLESS WE--

PLIP PLLIP

HWUNG!

NOW TO AMP UP THE FUN!!!

I'VE BEEN TO ENOUGH HEADBANGER FESTS TO KNOW THAT TWISTIN' EVERY POT UP TO TEN WILL CREATE--

MASTER VOLUME

MAX

"--FEEDBACK!"

SKRRR

THE PARASITIC LIFE-FORMS CALLED **SYMBIOTES** FEED OFF THEIR HOST'S ADRENALINE.

THEIR BOND STRENGTHENS THE HOST'S ABILITIES, AND BY LEARNING AND EVOLVING AS THEY GROW.

BUT...

...**CLINTER,** THE SYMBIOTE ATTACHED TO **KINTARO,** DOES NOT FEED ON **ADRENALINE.**

INSTEAD, IT NEEDS TO EAT **OTHER SYMBIOTES** TO SURVIVE.

WHEN IT DOES, IT ALSO ABSORBS THE **MEMORIES** OF THE OTHER SYMBIOTES AND THEIR HOSTS...

...AND EVOLVES.

SINCE KINTARO IS BONDED TO CLINTER...

ズズズ...

CHANGE TO...

...FALCON FORM!

...ALL THE POWERS FROM THE ONI HE'S CONSUMED HAVE BECOME HIS. LIKE THE FALCON.

WHY IS HE UP IN THE AIR?!

ARGH!

CLINTER!

EAT IT!

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EP.3 KILLVENOM

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KOFF!!

HAVE PATIENCE...

WE'LL GET YOU BACK, BEAR!

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JUST A BIT MORE...

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TO BE CONCLUDED!

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